Liberalisation of scavengers

3738. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up centrally sponsored scheme of "Liberalisation of scavengers" to make all towns scavenging-free by converting all the existing service latrines into low-cost flush water latrines within a period of 3 years;

(b) if so, how much amount has been allocated for implementation of the scheme during the Seventh Five Year plan;

(c) whether the Government of Orissa have submitted a proposal to allocate necessary funds for the scheme; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken on this proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Government have taken up a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Liberalisation of Scavengers" in selected towns in different States to make them scavenging free by converting all the existing dry latrines into waterborne ones on 'whole town approach' basis in a phased manner.

(b) the amount of Rs. 39.07 crores has been allocated towards central share for implementation of the scheme during the 7th Plan (1985—90).

(c) and (d) The Government of Orissa has approached this Ministry for central assistance under this scheme. So far, an amount of Rs. 91.12 lakhs has been released to the Government of Orissa since 1982-83. as matching central share for taking up this programme in seven towns.

Allocation of foodgrains

3739. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise allocation of foodgrains (wheat, rice, etc.) separately allotted by the Central Government for drought/flood relief;

(b) what is the quantity utilised by each State, State-wise; and

(c) the value of foodgrains borne by the Central Government in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (c) State-wise information, about the foodgrains allocated to States affected by drought and floods during 1987-88, value of the foodgrains borne by the Central Government and quantity lifted by the concerned State Governments are given in the Statement.